

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Department of Employment Services

VINCENT C. GRAY  
MAYOR



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DIRECTOR

**COMPENSATION REVIEW BOARD**

**CRB No. 12-108 (A)**

**In Re: Application for Approval of an Attorney's Fee**

**NATALIE SINCLAIR  
Claimant–Respondent,**

**v.**

**SCOPE SERVICES,**

**and**

**ACCIDENT FUND INSURANCE COMPANY,  
Employer/Insurer - Petitioners.**

Joseph C. Tarpine III, Esquire for the Petitioner  
Allen J. Lowe, Esquire for the Respondent

Before HEATHER C. LESLIE, JEFFREY P. RUSSELL, *Administrative Appeals Judges*, and  
LAWRENCE D. TARR, *Chief Administrative Appeals Judge*.

HEATHER C. LESLIE, *Administrative Appeals Judge*, for the Compensation Review Board.

**ORDER AWARDING AN ATTORNEY'S FEE**

On February 25, 2013, the Claimant's attorney, Mr. Allen Lowe, requested an award of an attorney's fee to be assessed against the Employer totaling one thousand five hundred sixty dollars (\$1,560.00) for 6.5 hours of work, billed at \$240.00 per hour, asserted to have been performed by the Claimant's counsel in this appeal before the Compensation Review Board. Claimant's counsel represented that Counsel for the Employer had consented to pay the requested fee.

Upon careful review of Claimant's Fee Application and the Employer's consent to the fee requested, and in consideration of D.C. Official Code § 32-1530 *et seq.*, 7 DCMR §§ 224 and 269 and the May 12, 2005 *Department of Employment Services Policy Directive Clarifying the Award of Attorney Fees in Workers' Compensation Cases*, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

Subject to the condition that the total attorney fees awarded and payable for all work performed before the Department of Employment Services' Office of Workers' Compensation, Administrative Hearings Division, and the Compensation Review Board, is limited to and does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the actual benefits secured through the efforts of Claimant's counsel with respect to the issues arising from OWC No. 677690, AHD No. 12-083, and CRB No. 12-108, as provided by D.C. Official Code § 32-1530(f) and 7 DCMR § 224, Claimant's counsel's request for an attorney's fee in the total sum of one thousand five hundred sixty dollars (\$1,560.00) that was asserted to have been performed by Claimant's counsel in this appeal before the Compensation Review Board is approved, assessed against and payable by the Employer.

FOR THE COMPENSATION REVIEW BOARD:

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HEATHER C. LESLIE,  
*Administrative Appeals Judge*

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March 5, 2013

DATE